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**WEAPONS TESTING RANGE  
VOROSHILOV (SKODA) ARMAMENT PLANT  
DUBNICA NAD VAHOM, CZECHOSLOVAKIA**



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The Voroshilov (Skoda) Armament Plant, the leading producer of artillery in the European Satellites, is located immediately northeast of Dubnica nad Vahom, Czechoslovakia. Associated with this plant is an explosives plant located south of Dubnica nad Vahom and a weapons testing range located in a forested valley 2 miles east of Dubnica nad Vahom and approximately one mile southeast of the armament plant (see Figure 1).

The weapons testing range consists of

Possible concrete bunkers for visual observation or instrumentation

Reportedly begun sometime after [redacted] was still under construction at the time of photography

It is believed to be constructed for the testing of weapons, propellants, and projectiles, and is connected by rail and road to the armament and explosives plants.

At the northern end of the range in an area that has been filled in and leveled off, a building appears to be in the initial stage of construction. An adjacent rectangular area 300 by 215 feet has been built up and is being leveled, probably for additional construction. A large excavation made into the side of a hill immediately west of the range appears to be the source of the large amount of fill being used in the construction.

A detailed photographic analysis of the armament plant and the explosives plant is presented in USAF, DPIR Functional Analysis (BB) No. 133, February 1956.

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**REQUIREMENT:** Prepared in answer to CIA requirement RR/S22/58, requesting a detailed description of the Voroshilov (Skoda) Armament Plant Weapons Testing Range, Dubnica nad Vahom, Czechoslovakia.

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**MAP DATA:**

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**COORDINATES:** 48°58'N/18°11'E

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**B.E. NUMBERS:** [REDACTED] Armament Plant  
[REDACTED] Explosives Plant

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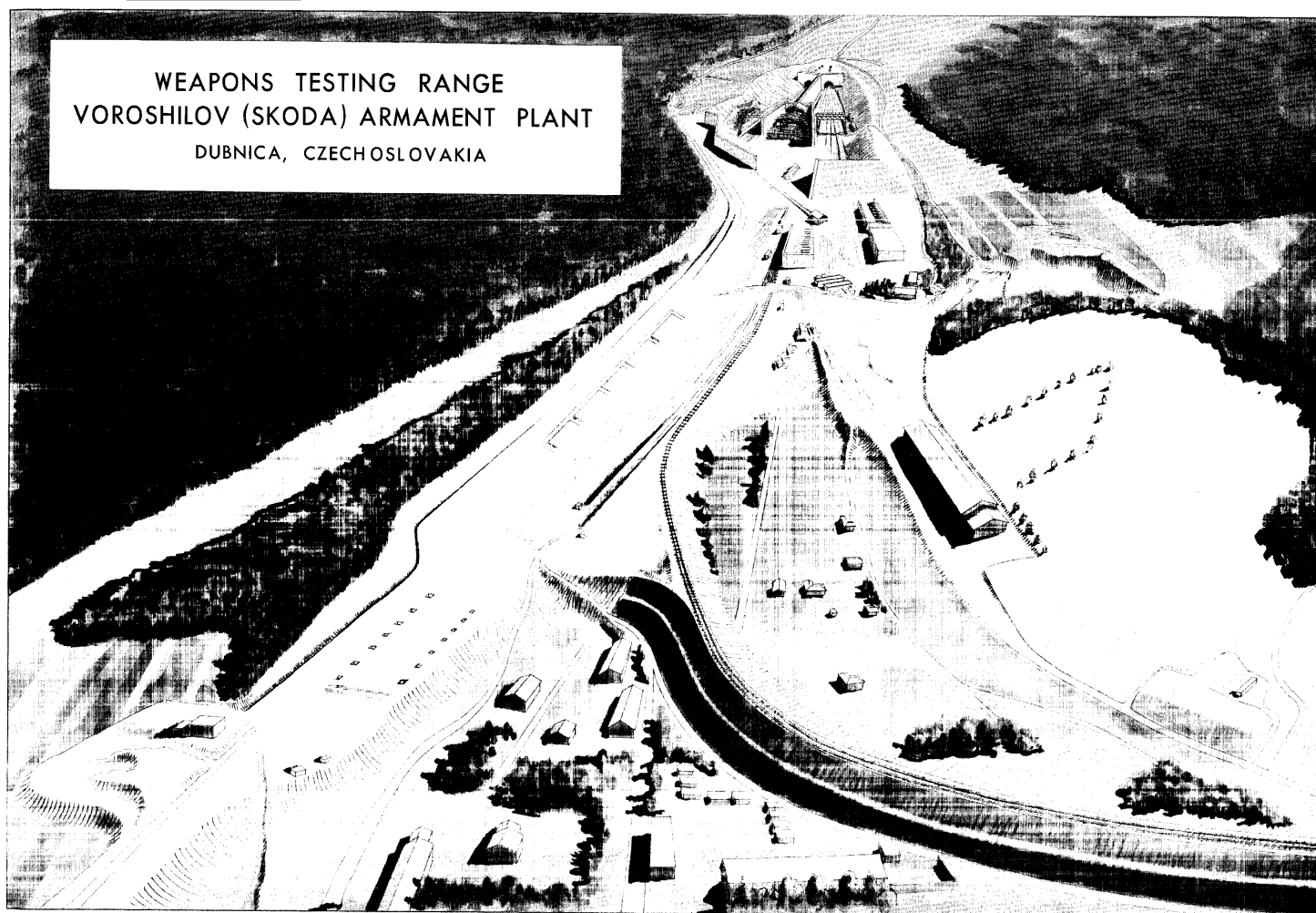


FIGURE 3. ARTIST'S CONCEPT OF WEAPONS TESTING RANGE.

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